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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population and dwellings of the Australian Capital Territory as enumerated at the Census of 30th. June, 1954. The figures herein have been obtained from machine tabulation and extensive amendment is not anticipated.

In it the population is classified according to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence in Australia of those born outside Australia, nationality, religion, industry and occupational status. Dwellings are classified according to class, (i.e., private house, flat, etc.) number of rooms, number of inmates, material of outer walls, nature of occupancy, date of building, and rent.

Each major table herein shows the numbers of males, females and persons or of dwellings according to one particular characteristic (e.g., age or conjugal condition of persons and number of rooms or inmates of dwellings). At a later stage a more detailed analysis will be published, showing particulars of both population and dwellings in a series of cross tabulations (e.g. the numbers of persons in the various industries according to their age groups, and the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.)

The figures published in this Bulletin include particulars for the Jervis Bay District of the Australian Capital Territory, but, in accordance with international usage, they exclude the numbers of diplomatic representatives of foreign governments and the High Commissioners representing the governments of the members of the British Commonwealth, with their families and staffs, and also their dwellings. The number of people excluded in this way at the Census of 30th. June, 1954, was approximately 400, and the number of dwellings excluded, 74.

All the following tables exclude particulars of full-blood aboriginals and the dwellings occupied by them.

PART A. - POPULATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, CENSUS 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

1. Population, Urban and Rural. The following table sets out population totals for the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : POPULATION, CENSUS, 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Division	Males	Females	Persons		
			Total	Percentage on Total	Increase per cent. since 1947 Census
				%	%
City Area	15,076	13,201	28,277	93.28	86.57
Rural Districts	857	664	1,521	5.02	9.50
Jervis Bay	296	221	517	1.70	43.61
Total	16,229	14,086	30,315	100.00	79.33

The 1954 Census population of the Australian Capital Territory (viz. 30,315 persons) represented an increase of 79 per cent. over the 1947 Census figure (16,905 persons). This overall increase was due mainly to the increase of 87 per cent. in the population of the City Area (Canberra), which in 1947 amounted to 15,156 persons.

The sex distribution of the total A.C.T. population in 1954, at about 15 per cent. more males than females, was approximately the same as in 1947.

A Census of Canberra only was taken on 14th.-16th. September, 1951, when 23,617 persons (13,112 males, 10,505 females) were enumerated. The increase in the population of Canberra since that date was 4,660 persons (1,964 males, 2,696 females) or about 20 per cent.

The populations of the various districts of the Australian Capital Territory were shown, compared with those of 1947, in a statement recently issued (No.8 - Population of the Australian Capital Territory - S.S. 261).

2. Age. The following table shows the numbers of each sex in each quinquennial age group at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

Table 2. - Australian Capital Territory : Age Distribution of the Population at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Age last birthday (years)	Census 30th. June, 1947.			Census 30th. June, 1954.					
						Persons			
							Percent.	Increase since 1947	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	on Total	Numerical	Percent.
0- 4	834	838	1,672	2,076	1,969	4,045	13.34	2,373	141.92
5- 9	705	729	1,434	1,716	1,574	3,290	10.85	1,856	129.43
10-14	596	565	1,161	1,122	1,073	2,195	7.24	1,034	89.06
15-19	926	687	1,613	1,003	801	1,804	5.95	191	11.84
20-24	1,000	793	1,793	1,358	1,190	2,548	8.41	755	42.11
25-29	894	727	1,621	1,811	1,498	3,309	10.92	1,688	104.13
30-34	778	733	1,511	1,744	1,416	3,160	10.42	1,649	109.13
35-39	689	582	1,271	1,287	1,080	2,367	7.81	1,096	86.23
40-44	575	508	1,083	1,152	924	2,076	6.85	993	91.69
45-49	592	498	1,090	847	693	1,540	5.08	450	41.28
50-54	544	421	965	695	593	1,288	4.25	323	33.47
55-59	446	287	733	535	465	1,000	3.30	267	36.43
60-64	258	185	443	424	343	767	2.53	324	73.14
65&over	255	260	515	459	467	926	3.05	411	79.81
Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	100.00	13,410	79.33
Under 21	3,281	2,959	6,240	6,154	5,599	11,753	38.77	5,513	88.35
21-49	4,308	3,701	8,009	7,962	6,619	14,581	48.10	6,572	82.06
50&over	1,503	1,153	2,656	2,113	1,868	3,981	13.13	1,325	49.89
Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	100.00	13,410	79.33

The principal feature of this table is the increasing predominance of the younger age groups. In 1954, almost 25 per cent. of the population of the Australian Capital Territory was less than 10 years of age, compared with 18 per cent. in 1947. Approximately 39 per cent. of the population was less than 21 years of age in 1954 compared with about 37 per cent. in 1947. Increases occurred in all age groups as compared with 1947 figures, the smallest increase being in respect of the 15-19 years group (which increased 12 per cent.), and the largest being in respect of the 0-4 years group (which increased 142 per cent.)

3. Conjugal Condition. The following table shows the population of the Australian Capital Territory classified according to sex and conjugal condition.

Table 3. - Australian Capital Territory : Conjugal Condition of the Population at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Conjugal Condition	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Never Married -							
under 15 years of age	2,135	2,132	4,267	4,914	4,616	9,530	5,263
15 yrs. of age and over	2,674	1,618	4,292	3,666	1,947	5,613	1,321
Total	4,809	3,750	8,559	8,580	6,563	15,143	6,584
Married	3,841	3,545	7,386	7,148	6,730	13,878	6,492
Married but permanently Separated	133	86	219	152	124	276	57
Widowed	177	377	554	220	574	794	240
Divorced	77	42	119	127	94	221	102
Not Stated	55	13	68	2	1	3	- 65
Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

At the 1954 Census 49.95 per cent. of the total population of the Australian Capital Territory stated its conjugal condition as never married (compared with 50.7 per cent. in 1947); 46.7 per cent. as married (including 0.9 per cent. married but permanently separated); 2.6 per cent. as widowed and 0.7 per cent. as divorced. In 1947, 45 per cent. of the Australian Capital Territory population described themselves as married including those married but permanently separated, 3.3 per cent. as widowed and 0.7 per cent. as divorced. The proportion of widowed females to widowed males increased from 2.13:1 in 1947 to 2.6:1 as at 30th. June, 1954.

4. Birthplace. The following table shows the birthplaces of the population of the Australian Capital Territory at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 4. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Birthplace	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase since 1947
Australasia -							
Australia	7,877	7,064	14,941	12,453	11,395	23,848	8,907
New Zealand	111	70	181	137	100	237	56
Other	2	4	6	6	9	15	9
Total Australasia	7,990	7,138	15,128	12,596	11,504	24,100	8,972
Europe -							
England	604	389	993	1,022	799	1,821	828
Wales	33	12	45	36	20	56	11
Scotland	235	140	375	305	280	585	210
Northern Ireland	21	10	31	36	25	61	30
Republic of Ireland	11	2	13	14	8	22	9
Ireland-Undefined	45	31	76	60	22	82	6
Malta	2	1	3	70	53	123	120
British N.E.I.	5	4	9	6	3	9	-
Austria	8	3	11	34	37	71	60
Czechoslovakia	1	-	1	62	21	83	82
Estonia	2	-	2	53	47	100	98
France	1	2	3	19	12	31	28
Germany	9	4	13	281	257	538	525
Greece	25	8	33	54	30	84	51
Hungary	-	-	-	38	28	66	66
Italy	20	6	26	260	68	328	302
Latvia	-	-	-	106	101	207	207
Lithuania	-	-	-	77	59	136	136
Netherlands	2	-	2	214	163	377	375
Poland	5	2	7	375	183	558	551
Ukraine	(a)	(a)	(a)	95	66	161)	250
U.S.S.R.	6	4	10	46	53	99)	
Yugoslavia	-	1	1	71	29	100	99
Other	13	7	20	82	37	119	99
Total Europe	1,048	626	1,674	3,416	2,401	5,817	4,143
Asia -							
India, Pakistan, Ceylon	10	2	12	32	23	55	43
Indonesia	3	1	4	21	12	33	29
Other	8	8	16	69	51	120	104
Total Asia	21	11	32	122	86	208	176
Africa -							
Union of South Africa	9	10	19	18	15	33	14
Other	-	4	4	9	6	15	11
Total Africa	9	14	23	27	21	48	25

(a) Included with U.S.S.R.

TABLE 4. - BIRTHPLACES (Cont.)

Birthplace	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954.			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase since 1947
America-							
Canada	8	7	15	14	15	29	14
United States	6	14	20	37	45	82	62
Other	5	-	5	9	4	13	8
Total America	19	21	40	60	64	124	84
Other	5	3	8	8	10	18	10
Grand Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

At 30th. June, 1954, the Australian-born portion of the population of the ustralian Capital Territory represented 79 per cent., compared with 89 per cent. in 947. European-born persons comprised 19 per cent. of the Territory population at the 954 Census, compared with 10 per cent. in 1947, and consisted mainly of persons born n England (6.0 per cent.), Scotland (1.9 per cent.), Poland (1.8 per cent.) and ermany (1.8 per cent.).

The largest increases in numbers of overseas-born persons in the Territory etween the Censuses of 1947 and 1954 occurred in respect of the following countries:- ngland, 828 persons; Poland, 551 persons; Germany, 525 persons; Netherlands, 375 persons; taly, 302 persons; Scotland 210 persons; and Latvia, 207 persons.

Period of Residence in Australia of those born outside Australia. The effect of he post-war immigration policy shown in the above figures is also reflected in the ollowing table which sets out details of the period of residence in Australia of persons orn outside Australia. Of the 6,467 persons of the 1954 population born outside ustralia, 4,843 (or almost 75 per cent.) have resided in Australia for less than eight ears. In 1947 the greater proportion of the overseas-born Territory population had pent more than ten years in Australia.

TABLE 5. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA, CENSUSES OF 1947 and 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Number of Completed Years of Residence (Years)	Census 30th. June, 1947.			Census 30th. June, 1954.			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease(-) since 1947
0	217	18	235	195	199	394	159
1	16	24	40	222	167	389	349
2	18	9	27	429	243	672	645
3	6	4	10	522	386	908	898
4	3	3	6	671	501	1,172	1,166
0 - 4	260	58	318	2,039	1,496	3,535	3,217
5	6	2	8	570	341	911	903
6	5	8	13	155	95	250	237
7	15	9	24	86	61	147	123
8	18	19	37)				
9	15	9	24)	89	70	159	22
10 -14	49	27	76)				
5 -14	108	74	182	900	567	1,467	1,285
15 & over	829	594	1,423	822	607	1,429	6
Not Stated	18	23	41	15	21	36	- 5
Born outside Australia	1,215	749	1,964	3,776	2,691	6,467	4,503
Born in Australia	7,877	7,064	14,941	12,453	11,395	23,848	8,907
Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

6. Nationality (i.e.-Allegiance). At the 30th. June, 1954, 27,395 persons or almost 90.5 per cent. of the population of the Australian Capital Territory were of British nationality, that is, owing legal allegiance to the British Crown, compared with 16,856 persons or 99.7 per cent. in 1947. The number of foreign nationals increased from 49 in 1947 to 2,920 at 30th. June, 1954.

Of the 6,467 persons constituting the oversea-born Territory population, 3,547 were British subjects, while the remainder, 2,920 persons, owed foreign allegiance.

The most numerous foreign nationals in the Australian Capital Territory at 30th. June, 1954 were :- Polish, 663; Dutch, 387; Italian, 285; German, 207; and Ukrainian, 206.

The Census figures, as stated earlier, exclude the numbers of diplomatic representatives of foreign governments and the High Commissioners representing the governments of the members of the British Commonwealth, with their families and staffs.

TABLE 6. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : NATIONALITY (i.e.ALLEGIANCE) OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Nationality	Census 30th. June, 1947.			Census 30th. June, 1954.			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase since 194
British	9,055	7,801	16,856	14,450	12,945	27,395	10,539
Foreign -							
Czechoslovak	-	-	-	50	9	59	59
Dutch	3	1	4	220	167	387	383
Estonian	1	-	1	41	44	85	84
French	1	1	2	17	13	30	28
German	3	-	3	110	97	207	204
Greek	9	-	9	42	19	61	52
Hungarian	-	-	-	32	28	60	60
Italian	3	-	3	233	52	285	282
Latvian	-	-	-	100	90	190	190
Lithuanian	-	-	-	75	58	133	133
Polish	-	-	-	402	261	663	663
Russian	1	-	1	18	12	30	29
Ukrainian	-	-	-	120	86	206	206
U.S.American	3	7	10	21	30	51	41
Yugoslavian	-	-	-	66	31	97	97
Other	8	3	11	119	61	180	169
Stateless	5	-	5	113	83	196	191
Total Foreign	37	12	49	1,779	1,141	2,920	2,871
Grand Total	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

7. Religion. The following table sets out particulars of the religions of those persons who answered this question (which is not obligatory), at the Census of 30th. June, 1954.

There were 2,360 persons who gave no reply to this question in 1954.

This represented 7.8 per cent. of the population of the Territory (compared with 1,378 persons or 8.2 per cent. in 1947).

The denominations with the largest number of adherents in 1954 were Church of England, 11,579; Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described) 9,337; Presbyterian, 3,006; Methodist, 1,807; Lutheran, 430; and Greek Orthodox, 426.

Of those who stated their religious belief, the greatest numerical increase since 1947 was recorded by the Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described). These increased by 4,933 persons on the figures for 1947, followed by Church of England with an increase of 4,488 persons; Presbyterian, 1,062; Methodist, 451; and Lutheran, 412.

Among the denominations with the largest number of adherents, the greatest proportional increases since 1947 were recorded by Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), (112 per cent.), Church of England, (63 per cent.), Presbyterian, (55 per cent.), and Methodist, (33 per cent.).

There were also proportionally large increases in the Lutheran and Congregational religions.

In all Christian religions represented in the Australian Capital Territory there were 27,613 adherents at the Census of 30th. June, 1954, compared with 15,318 in 1947. The proportion to total population on both occasions was about 91 per cent.

TABLE 7. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Religion.	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease(-) since 1947
Christian -							
Baptist	85	100	185	140	158	298	113
Catholic, Roman (a)	1,295	961	2,256	2,115	1,599	3,714	1,458
Catholic (a)	1,059	1,089	2,148	2,947	2,676	5,623	3,475
Church of Christ	24	25	49	52	56	108	59
Church of England	3,786	3,305	7,091	6,103	5,476	11,579	4,488
Congregational	36	36	72	93	92	185	113
Greek Orthodox	(b)	(b)	(b)	252	174	426	(b)
Lutheran	12	6	18	222	208	430	412
Methodist	690	666	1,356	908	899	1,807	451
Presbyterian	1,050	894	1,944	1,552	1,454	3,006	1,062
Protestant (undefined)	38	31	69	100	90	190	121
Salvation Army	17	9	26	29	27	56	30
Other (including Christian undefined)	46	58	104	103	88	191	87
Total, Christian	8,138	7,180	15,318	14,616	12,997	27,613	12,295
Non-Christian -							
Hebrew	14	12	26	31	23	54	28
Other	1	-	1	23	11	34	33
Total, Non-Christian	15	12	27	54	34	88	61
Indefinite	18	21	39	22	11	33	- 6
No Religion	109	34	143	151	70	221	78
No Reply	812	566	1,378	1,386	974	2,360	982
GRAND TOTAL	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.
(b) Not available.

8. **Industry.** The following table sets out the main groups of industry for male and female populations of the Australian Capital Territory at 30th. June, 1954, compared with 1947.

TABLE 8. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

Industry Group	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or Decrease (-) since 1947
Primary Production	447	30	477	534	38	572	95
Mining and Quarrying	8	-	8	20	-	20	12
Manufacturing	(a) 429	(a) 77	(a) 506	771	101	872	
Electricity, Water, etc.-Production, Supply and Maintenance	(b)	(b)	(b)	218	-	218	688
Building and Construction	(c) 1,493	(c) 1	(c) 1,494	1,780	18	1,798	
Transport and Storage	249	17	266	523	22	545	279
Communication	114	58	172	331	89	420	248
Finance and Property (Business Services N.E.I.)	74	11	85	126	36	162	77
Commerce	257	144	401	604	329	933	532
Public Authority (N.E.I.) and Professional Activities-							
Public Authority Activities (N.E.I.)	1,893	721	2,614	3,182	1,085	4,267	1,653
Defence; Enlisted Personnel	679	6	685	1,030	113	1,143	458
Defence: Civilian Employees	48	11	59	31	5	36	- 23
Law, Order & Public Safety	36	8	44	123	18	141	97
Religion & Social Welfare	23	6	29	28	14	42	13
Health, Hospitals, etc.	28	117	145	80	216	296	151
Education	103	148	251	537	416	953	702
Other Professional	19	10	29	50	30	80	51
Total Public Authority, etc.	2,829	1,027	3,856	5,061	1,897	6,958	3,102
Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Services, etc.	399	338	737	582	532	1,114	377
Industry Inadequately Described or Not Stated	256	79	335	59	6	65	- 270
Total in Work Force	6,555	1,782	8,337	10,609	3,068	13,677	5,340
Persons not in Work Force	2,537	6,031	8,568	5,620	11,018	16,638	8,070
GRAND TOTAL	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

(a) Includes production of Electricity. (b) Production included with Manufacturing; Supply and Maintenance included with Building and Construction. (c) Includes Supply and Maintenance of Electricity and Water.

The numerically largest industry group at 30th. June, 1954 was Public Authority (N.E.I.) and Professional Activities which absorbed 6,958 persons (slightly more than 50 per cent. of the work force), and comprised 5,061 males (47.7 per cent.) and 1,897 females (61.8 per cent.). This was followed by the predominantly male industrial group Building and Construction, 1,798 persons (representing 13.1 per cent. of persons in the work force) and Amusement, Hotels, Cafes, Personal Services etc., 1,114 persons (8.1 per cent. of the work force). In 1947 the proportional importance of these three Industrial Groups to the then total work force was as follows:- Public Authority etc., 46.3 per cent. Building and Construction, 17.9 per cent., Amusement etc., 8.8 per cent.

9. Occupational Status. The following table sets out details of the Occupational Status of the population (i.e. the capacity in which persons are engaged in the various branches of industry, whether as employer, employee, etc.) of the Territory at 30th. June, 1954, compared with the 1947 Census.

Of the total persons in the work force at 30th. June, 1954, 12,607 were employees, compared with 7,543 in 1947 (about 91 per cent. in each case); there were 500 employers (3.7 per cent. of the work force), compared with 275 (3.3 per cent.) in 1947; and 478 self-employed persons (3.5 per cent.) compared with 277 (3.4 per cent. of the work force) in 1947.

TABLE 9. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals.)

Occupational Status	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954.			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or Decrease(-) since 1947
In Work Force-							
At Work-							
Employer	242	33	275	447	53	500	225
Self-Employed	239	38	277	428	50	478	201
Employee	5,888	1,655	7,543	9,661	2,946	12,607	5,064
Helper (not on wage or salary)	11	5	16	8	5	13	- 3
Total	6,380	1,731	8,111	10,544	3,054	13,598	5,487
Not at Work (a)	88	36	124	62	13	75	- 49
Not Stated	87	15	102	3	1	4	- 98
Total in Work Force	6,555	1,782	8,337	10,609	3,068	13,677	5,340
Not in Work Force	2,537	6,031	8,568	5,620	11,018	16,638	8,070
TOTAL	9,092	7,813	16,905	16,229	14,086	30,315	13,410

(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs or for any other reason.

PART B. - DWELLINGS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, CENSUS, 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

1. Summary of Population and Dwellings. - For the purpose of the Census, a dwelling is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only a part of a building.

Detailed information supplied in this part of the Bulletin relates to private dwellings occupied at the date of the Census; in addition, however, the numbers of other than private dwellings (hotels, boarding houses, hospitals, etc.), and of unoccupied dwellings and of dwellings being built at Census date are also given.

"Unoccupied dwellings" include "week-end" dwellings, holiday dwellings, and other dwellings temporarily unoccupied on the night of the Census. They include newly completed dwellings awaiting occupation.

"Dwellings being built" relate to unoccupied dwellings of all types being built at 30th. June, 1954, and are therefore not identical with the numbers of houses and flats under construction at that date, since some of these were occupied before completion.

The following table is a summary of the population and dwellings (as defined above) of the Australian Capital Territory at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954:-

TABLE 10. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of particulars for Full-blood Aboriginals)

Particulars	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954		
	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
Area in square miles	42	897	939	42	897	939
Population -						
Males	8,121	971	9,092	15,076	1,153	16,229
Females	7,035	778	7,813	13,201	885	14,086
Persons - Total	15,156	1,749	16,905	28,277	2,038	30,315
per sq. mile	360.86	1.95	18.01	673.26	2.27	32.28
Dwellings -						
Occupied	3,198	417	3,615	6,574	544	7,118
Unoccupied	28	24	52	220	106	326
Being Built	315	1	316	407	13	420
Dwellings - Total	3,541	442	3,983	7,201	663	7,864
per sq. mile	84.31	0.49	4.24	171.45	0.74	8.37

2. Dwellings in Districts. - The following table shows the building development which has taken place in some Canberra suburbs since 1947, particularly in Ainslie, Deakin, Narrabundah, O'Connor and Yarralumla.

TABLE 11. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : DWELLINGS IN DISTRICTS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

District	Census, 30th. June, 1947				Census, 30th. June, 1954			
	Occupied Dwellings	Unoccupied Dwellings	Dwellings Being Built	Total Dwellings	Occupied Dwellings	Unoccupied Dwellings	Dwellings Being Built	Total Dwellings
City Area								
Acton	126	1	-	127	135	6	-	141
Ainslie	625	8	62	695	1,061	22	15	1,098
Barton	86	-	-	86	81	5	-	86
Braddon	305	6	1	312	363	10	2	375
Capitol Hill	1	-	-	1	7	1	-	8
City	17	-	-	17	10	1	-	11
Deakin	29	-	-	29	101	32	102	235
Dickson	(a)	-	-	(a)	(c) 5	-	-	(c) 5
Duntroon	102	-	-	102	143	11	-	154
Forrest	234	2	-	236	282	16	22	320
Fyshwick	205	1	-	206	185	4	-	189
Griffith	584	3	30	617	809	28	15	852
Kingston	241	1	-	242	215	7	-	222
Lyneham	(a)	-	-	(a)	(d)	-	-	(d)
Narrabundah	50	-	122	172	832	17	30	879
O'Connor	(b) 4	-	-	(b) 4	866	15	150	1,031
Parkes	5	-	1	6	8	-	-	8
Pialligo	5	-	-	5	36	10	-	46
Red Hill	29	3	-	32	54	3	7	64
Reid	245	2	-	247	325	8	19	352
Symonston	23	-	-	23	46	-	-	46
Turner	213	1	99	313	461	9	20	490
Yarralumla	69	-	-	69	549	15	25	589
Total City Area	3,198	28	315	3,541	6,574	220	407	7,201
Rural Districts								
Belconnen	45	4	-	49	50	3	1	54
Booth	9	-	-	9	12	-	-	12
Coree	12	-	-	12	40	12	8	60
Cotter River	10	1	-	11	1	9	-	10
Gungahlin	23	4	-	27	25	2	-	27
Hall	48	1	-	49	55	2	-	57
Kowen	3	1	-	4	10	5	-	15
Lanyon	32	-	-	32	33	1	-	34
Mount Clear	4	-	-	4	1	-	-	1
Paddy's River	45	-	-	45	65	13	-	78
Rendezvous Creek	2	1	-	3	3	-	-	3
Stromlo	31	2	-	33	48	22	-	70
Tennent	8	-	-	8	10	-	-	10
Woden	69	-	1	70	86	3	4	93
Total Rural Districts	341	14	1	356	439	72	13	524
Jervis Bay	76	10	-	86	105	34	-	139
GRAND TOTAL	3,615	52	316	3,983	7,118	326	420	7,864

(a) Included with figures for O'Connor.
(b) Includes Lyneham and Dickson.
(c) Includes Lyneham.
(d) Included with figures for Dickson.

3. Dwellings by Class. Occupied dwellings are classified into private and other dwellings. Private dwellings comprise mainly private houses, shares of private houses, flats and tenements.

In previous Censuses dwellings returned on the Schedules as tents, sheds, huts, garages, etc., were included with private houses. In the Census of 1954 these dwellings will be shown as a separate group wherever practicable, but will be linked with private houses to preserve continuity with past Census results. Separate particulars were shown in the 1947 Census publications for private houses which were shared by two or more family units and for which only one Householder's Schedule was received, but in 1954 these dwellings have been included with private houses.

"Share of a Private House" is a portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished.

"Flat" is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off and which includes both cooking and bathing facilities.

"Other" private dwelling is part of a building which is not a self-contained unit. It may be a tenement, an apartment, room(s), etc.

"Dwellings other than Private" include Hotels, Boarding Houses, Lodging Houses, Hostels, Hospitals, Educational, Religious and Charitable Institutions, Defence and Penal Establishments, etc.

Occupied private houses constituted about 90 per cent. of all occupied dwellings in the Australian Capital Territory at 30th. June, 1954 - all occupied private dwellings amounted to almost 99 per cent. The proportions in 1947 were very similar. The total occupied private dwellings (7,031) represented an increase of 3,469 or 97 per cent. over the 1947 figure (3,562).

TABLE 12. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPIED DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Class of Dwelling	Number of Occupied Dwellings					
	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954		
	Canberra	Other Districts	Total	Canberra	Other Districts	Total
Private Dwellings -						
Private House	) 2,761	401	3,162	(5,812	466	6,278
Tent, Shed, Hut, etc.	)			(80	32	112
Total Private Houses	2,761	401	3,162	5,892	498	6,390
Share of Private House (a)	255	2	257	303	-	303
Flat	107	7	114	301	8	309
Other	29	-	29	15	14	29
Total Private Dwellings	3,152	410	3,562	6,511	520	7,031
Dwellings Other than Private -						
Hotel	4	2	6	5	2	7
Boarding House, etc.	28	1	29	36	5	41
Other	14	4	18	22	17	39
Total Other Dwellings	46	7	53	63	24	87
GRAND TOTAL DWELLINGS	3,198	417	3,615	6,574	544	7,118

(a) In respect of which a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished.

4. Dwellings according to Material of Outer Walls. Since the 1947 Census, occupied private dwellings of brick in the Australian Capital Territory have increased by 59 per cent. to 3,613 in 1954; whilst wooden private dwellings increased by 152 per cent. to 2,078 in 1954, and the proportional increase of fibro-cement and concrete private dwellings have been even greater. More than 51 per cent. of the private dwellings in the Territory in 1954 were of brick, 30 per cent. of wood, 13 per cent. of fibro-cement and 5 per cent. of concrete.

TABLE 13. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Material of Outer Walls	Census, 30th. June, 1947					Census, 30th. June, 1954						
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Private House	Tent, Hut, Shed, etc.	Total Private Houses	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings
Brick	2,007	150	101	15	2,273	3,192	19	3,211	104	293	5	3,613
Stone	15	2	-	-	17	11	-	11	-	1	-	12
Concrete	50	7	2	4	63	350	2	352	13	3	-	368
Wood	729	80	10	6	825	1,837	56	1,893	155	9	21	2,078
Iron	55	-	-	3	58	16	21	37	2	-	-	39
Fibro-cement	260	16	-	1	277	852	5	857	29	3	3	892
Other and Not Stated	46	2	1	-	49	20	9	29	-	-	-	29
TOTAL	3,162	257	114	29	3,562	6,278	112	6,390	303	309	29	7,031

	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
Brick	2,244	29	2,273	3,576	37	3,613
Stone	4	13	17	4	8	12
Concrete	50	13	63	351	17	368
Wood	579	246	825	1,753	325	2,078
Iron	24	34	58	20	19	39
Fibro-cement	228	49	277	792	100	892
Other and Not Stated	23	26	49	15	14	29
TOTAL	3,152	410	3,562	6,511	520	7,031

(a) Includes Tents, Sheds, Huts etc.

5. Number of Rooms per Dwelling. The greatest increases (both numerical and proportional) in the numbers of occupied private houses since the 1947 Census occurred in the 4, 5 and 6-roomed houses, which increased by 126 per cent., 105 per cent. and 102 per cent. respectively. The numbers of flats in the 3 and 4-roomed class also showed considerable increases.

There were, at 30th. June, 1954, 5,933 occupied private dwellings in the Territory with 4, 5 or 6 rooms. This represented more than 84 per cent. of all occupied private dwellings in the Australian Capital Territory (compared with 79 per cent. in 1947).

TABLE 14. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS PER DWELLING AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Number of Rooms per Dwelling	Census, 30th. June, 1947					Census, 30th. June, 1954						
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Private House	Tent, Shed, Hut, etc.	Total Private Houses	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings
1	26	59	1	20	106	7	53	60	87	-	15	162
2	31	59	5	7	102	23	37	60	57	3	6	126
3	59	60	49	1	169	82	15	97	47	95	3	242
4	524	45	24	-	593	1,184	6	1,190	64	169	4	1,427
5	1,482	21	27	-	1,530	3,038	-	3,038	29	31	1	3,099
6	684	11	7	-	702	1,382	-	1,382	14	11	-	1,407
7	230	2	1	-	233	365	-	365	3	-	-	368
8	63	-	-	-	63	115	-	115	-	-	-	115
9	24	-	-	-	24	41	-	41	-	-	-	41
10&over	22	-	-	-	22	38	-	38	-	-	-	38
Not Stated	17	-	-	1	18	3	1	4	2	-	-	6
TOTAL	3,162	257	114	29	3,562	6,278	112	6,390	303	309	29	7,031

	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
1	96	10	106	129	33	162
2	82	20	102	106	20	126
3	142	27	169	213	29	242
4	512	81	593	1,331	96	1,427
5	1,407	123	1,530	2,958	141	3,099
6	624	78	702	1,313	94	1,407
7	201	32	233	323	45	368
8	45	18	63	85	30	115
9	17	7	24	25	16	41
10&over	12	10	22	23	15	38
Not Stated	14	4	18	5	1	6
TOTAL	3,152	410	3,562	6,511	520	7,031

(a) Includes Tents, Sheds, Huts etc.

1,426 in 1954. The proportional increases in dwellings with 3, 4 and 5 inmates were 96 per cent., 93 per cent. and 114 per cent. respectively.

At the 30th. June, 1954, there were 6,136 occupied private dwellings in the Territory (or 87 per cent. of the total) with 5 inmates or less, compared with 3,001 such dwellings (84 per cent.) in 1947. In rural districts there were 443 private dwellings with 5 inmates or less (or 85 per cent. of the total) in 1954 compared with 322 (or 79 per cent.) in 1947.

TABLE 15. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED

ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Number of Inmates	Census, 30th. June, 1947					Census, 30th. June, 1954						
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Private House	Tent, Shed, Hut, etc.	Total Private Houses	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings
1	130	21	20	25	196	201	48	249	52	65	17	383
2	493	95	40	3	631	1,176	27	1,203	81	139	3	1,426
3	702	69	21	1	793	1,386	22	1,408	83	66	1	1,558
4	810	44	26	-	880	1,610	6	1,616	45	30	6	1,697
5	480	15	6	-	501	1,036	5	1,041	22	7	2	1,072
6	269	7	1	-	277	501	3	504	14	-	-	518
7	152	2	-	-	154	213	-	213	4	2	-	219
8	78	4	-	-	82	81	1	82	2	-	-	84
9	23	-	-	-	23	36	-	36	-	-	-	36
10 & over	25	-	-	-	25	38	-	38	-	-	-	38
TOTAL	3,162	257	114	29	3,562	6,278	112	6,390	303	309	29	7,031

	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
1	157	39	196	312	71	383
2	558	73	631	1,319	107	1,426
3	702	91	793	1,451	107	1,558
4	813	67	880	1,593	104	1,697
5	449	52	501	1,018	54	1,072
6	237	40	277	480	38	518
7	132	22	154	200	19	219
8	65	17	82	76	8	84
9	22	1	23	31	5	36
10 & over	17	8	25	31	7	38
TOTAL	3,152	410	3,562	6,511	520	7,031

(a) Includes Tents, Sheds, Huts, etc.

7. Dwellings according to Nature of Occupancy. Almost 80 per cent. (5,617) of all occupied private dwellings in the Australian Capital Territory were occupied by tenants at 30th. June, 1954, compared with 2,861 tenanted houses (or 80.3 per cent. of the total) in 1947. At 30th. June, 1954, 782 private dwellings (11 per cent.) were occupied by the owners, compared with 419 (12 per cent.) in 1947. Dwellings being purchased by instalments numbered 559 (8 per cent.) in 1954, compared with 185 (5 per cent.) in 1947. The proportional increases since 1947 were:- tenanted, 96 per cent.; owners, 87 per cent.; purchasers by instalments, 202 per cent.

TABLE 16. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.
(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Nature of Occupancy	Census, 30th. June, 1947					Census, 30th. June, 1954						
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Private House	Tent, Shed, Hut, etc.	Total Private Houses	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Occupied Private Dwellings
Owner	406	9	-	4	419	727	35	762	16	4	-	782
Purchaser by Instalments	174	11	-	-	185	549	-	549	9	1	-	559
Tenant	2,505	224	107	25	2,861	4,944	65	5,009	277	303	28	5,617
Caretaker	25	1	4	-	30	26	9	35	-	-	1	36
Other Methods of Occupancy	20	-	2	-	22	30	1	31	1	1	-	33
Not Stated	32	12	1	-	45	2	2	4	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	3,162	257	114	29	3,562	6,278	112	6,390	303	309	29	7,031

	Census, 30th. June, 1947			Census, 30th. June, 1954		
	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
Owner	249	170	419	591	191	782
Purchaser by Instalments	173	12	185	549	10	559
Tenant	2,666	195	2,861	5,320	297	5,617
Caretaker	19	11	30	26	10	36
Other Methods of Occupancy	14	8	22	21	12	33
Not Stated	31	14	45	4	-	4
TOTAL	3,152	410	3,562	6,511	520	7,031

(a) Includes Tents, Sheds, Huts, etc.

8. Dates of Building of Dwellings. Information furnished on Householders' Schedules showed that private dwellings of all types built in the Territory since the beginning of 1950, and which were occupied at 30th. June, 1954, numbered 2,643, or 38 per cent. of the total occupied private dwellings in the Territory. The highest figure for any individual year since 1947 was recorded for 1952 - 702. Almost 50 per cent. of the total occupied private dwellings (3,495) were shown as having been built before 1947.

in the Australian Capital Territory, as compiled from information supplied on individual Householders' Schedules at 30th. June, 1954. There were 1,627 occupied private dwellings of all types with unfurnished rentals of up to 30 shillings per week in 1954 as compared with 1,499 in 1947. In the 30s. to 60s. group there were 2,232 as compared with 986 in 1947, and in 60s. and over there were 1,200 as compared with 24 in 1947. The proportions of each of these three groups to the totals are:- Up to 30s. - 1947, 52 per cent. - 1954, 29 per cent.; 30s. - 60s. - 1947, 34 per cent. - 1954, 40 per cent.; 60s. and over - 1947, 0.8 per cent. - 1954, 21 per cent.

TABLE 17. - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY : TENANTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO WEEKLY RENT (UNFURNISHED) AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by Full-blood Aboriginals)

Weekly Rent (Unfurnished)	Census, 30th. June, 1947					Census, 30th. June, 1954						
	Private House (incl. Tent, Shed, etc.)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Tenanted Private Dwellings	Private House	Tent, Shed, Hut, etc.	Total Private Houses	Share of Private House	Flat	Other	Total Tenanted Private Dwellings
Under 10s.	29	9	-	12	50	19	11	30	6	-	2	38
10s. and under 15s.	187	18	4	1	210	143	4	147	9	2	1	159
15s. " " 20s.	241	19	12	3	275	213	3	216	8	1	2	227
20s. " " 25s.	519	23	6	2	550	612	-	612	33	4	-	649
25s. " " 30s.	373	32	9	-	414	534	-	534	15	5	-	554
30s. " " 35s.	436	21	15	-	472	424	2	426	23	132	-	581
35s. " " 40s.	219	5	4	-	228	445	-	445	22	88	-	555
40s. " " 50s.	205	3	26	-	234	622	2	624	28	13	-	665
50s. " " 60s.	51	-	1	-	52	398	1	399	16	16	-	431
60s. " " 70s.	15	2	-	-	17	449	-	449	10	1	-	460
70s. " " 80s.	5	-	-	-	5	492	1	493	9	1	-	503
80s. and over	2	-	-	-	2	230	-	230	4	3	-	237
Not Stated	223	92	30	7	352	363	41	404	94	37	23	558
TOTAL	2,505	224	107	25	2,861	4,944	65	5,009	277	303	28	5,617

	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.	City Area	Rural Districts	Total A.C.T.
Under 10s.	39	11	50	23	15	38
10s. and under 15s.	178	32	210	114	45	159
15s. " " 20s.	255	20	275	199	28	227
20s. " " 25s.	523	27	550	631	18	649
25s. " " 30s.	404	10	414	537	17	554
30s. " " 35s.	470	2	472	573	8	581
35s. " " 40s.	227	1	228	552	3	555
40s. " " 50s.	231	3	234	658	7	665
50s. " " 60s.	51	1	52	427	4	431
60s. " " 70s.	17	-	17	456	4	460
70s. " " 80s.	5	-	5	495	8	503
80s. and over	2	-	2	233	4	237
Not Stated	264	88	352	422	136	558
TOTAL	2,666	195	2,861	5,320	297	5,617